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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS TO UNSC

REF: (A) STATE 88908, (B) USUN 1261, (C) CAPE TOWN 695,

1. THE CAPE TOWN FIVE CALLED ON BRAND FOURIE THIS AFTERNOON AND PRESENTED ORALLY THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (B). FOURIE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION BUT MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. HE DID CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S VOTE WILL COME UP IN PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK DURING WHICH VORSTER MIGHT HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING ON CONFIDENTIAL

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NAMIBIA IF THE SUBJECT IS RAISED BY THE OPPOSITION.

2. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET TO DISCUSS THE ARTICLE IN TONIGHT'S ARGUS (REFTEL C), REPORTING ON THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE ACCOMPANYING OUR PROPOSAL. WE HAD RAISED THIS LEAK WITH FOURIE. HE REPLIED THE PRESS HAD BEEN AFTER HIM ABOUT THE

STORY, SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE MESSAGE. HE SAID HE HAD STONEWALLED THE QUESTIONERS. IN ANTICIPATION OF PRESS QUERIES DIRECTED TO US, WE DECIDED TO LIMIT OUR REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING: "WE HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON PRESS SPECULATION OF THIS KIND. WE HAVE ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE ARE NO SECRET AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS ACCOMPANYING OUR PROPOSAL."

3. THE GROUP CONCLUDED THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENT WOULD PROBABLY NOT SATISFY THE PRESS FOR LONG AND THAT EVENTUALLY IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT MESSAGES WERE CONVEYED TO THE SAG AND SWAPO. AGAINST THIS POSSIBILITY THE GROUP DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO CAPITALS THAT THE RESPONSE SHOULD BE : "IN PRESENTING OUR PROPOSAL, EXPLANATORY NOTES WERE GIVEN TO THE SAG AND THE OTHER PARTIES. THESE EXPLANATORY MESSAGES DO NOT, HOWEVER, ADD OR SUBTRACT ANYTHING FROM THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL."

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